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SUBJECT:DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI REGARDING CLEARANCES FOR
FUTURE U.S. RESEARCH VESSEL OPERATIONS OFF INDIA

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 358; (B) NEW DELHI 480

1. DR. RICHARD S. GREENFIELD (NSF OFFICE OF CLIMATE DYNAMICS) AND MR. LOUIS B. BROWN (NSF DIVISION OF OCEAN SCIENCES) WILL ATTEND WMO MONSOON EXPERIMENT (MONEX) PLANNING MEET IN NEW DELHI IN EARLY MARCH. BROWN WILL RETURN TO NEW DELHI FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SESSION IN EARLY APRIL. WHILE IN NEW DELHI GREENFIELD AND BROWN ARE REQUESTING TO REVIEW WITH THE EMBASSY THE SCOPE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE US-FUNDED RESEARCH IN THE INDIAN OCEAN OF REPEATED GOI DENIAL OF CLEARANCE REQUESTS FOR OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH IN INDIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND
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OFF INDIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF. NSF IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING REASONS FOR GOI DENIAL OF CLEARANCES AND LIKELIHOOD OF APPROVAL OF FUTURE REQUESTS. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE WHETHER ALTERNATE CLEARANCE REQUEST PROCEDURES WOULD IMPROVE THE LIKELIHOOD OF APPROVAL AND MINIMIZE DELAYS WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING PRESENT LOS POLICIES

OF EITHER COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, IF EMBASSY CONCURS,
GREENFIELD AND BROWN WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO APPROPRIATE INDIAN OFFICIALS
EITHER IN MEA OR ELSEWHERE. AGENCY IS KEENLY INTERESTED
IN OBTAINING SERIOUS GOI CONSIDERATION OF THEIR PROBLEMS.

2. IF THIS APPROACH SHOULD PROVE FRUITFUL IN INDICATING
THAT US AND GOI CAN DEVELOP R/V CLEARANCE PROCEDURES
PROVIDING HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF APPROVAL OF CLEARANCE
REQUESTS A SECOND VISIT DURING IOC EC MEETING APRIL 4-8
IS FEASIBLE. (THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY APRIL IOC
MEETING MAY BE SHIFTED TO PARIS.)

3. REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS.
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